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SUBJ: GOT EXPLANATION OF CYPRUS POSITION TO SOVIETS

1. MFA CYPRUS-GREECE DIRECTOR BARUTCU, DURING CALL BY
EMBOFF MARCH 27 AT BARUTCU'S REQUEST, PASSED ON
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. GOT HAD BEEN CONCERNED BY SOVIETS' STATEMENTS AT RECENT
UNSC DISCUSSIONS ON CYPRUS, ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO SOVIET
"ANXIETY" ABOUT ESTABLISHMENT OF TURKISH CYPRIOT FEDERATED
STATE (TCFS) AND SOVIET ALLEGATION THAT GROUP WITHIN NATO WAS
PREPARING A CYPRUS FORMULA (WHICH GOT INTERPRETED AS REFERENCE
TO SECRETARY'S ASSISTANCE TO PARTIES).

B. IN EFFORT TO CORRECT SOVIET MISAPPREHENSIONS ON BOTH
THESE POINTS, MFA SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG CALLED IN
SOVIET AMBASSADOR RODIONOV MARCH 26. ELEKDAG FIRST EXPLAINED
TO RODIONOV STATUS OF TCFS. HE THEN READ FOLLOWING STATEMENT
CONCERNING SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ANKARA (COPY OF TEXT PROVIDED
BY BARUTCU):

"CONTRARY TO WHAT WAS RUMORED, NO DISCUSSIONS WERE
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HELD IN TURKEY OVER A PLAN PUT FORWARD BY DR. KISSINGER.

DR. KISSINGER HAS DISPLAYED EFFORTS TO PATCH THE DISCORD BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE AND TRIED TO PERSUADE BOTH PARTIES THAT THE TIME WAS RIPE FOR NEGOTIATIONS. HE ALSO INDICATED TO US THAT FOR MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES ASSISTED BY TURKEY AND GREECE, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR TURKEY TO SAY SOMETHING MORE THAN THAT THE DEMARCATION LINE IS NEGOTIABLE. OUR POSITION WAS THAT THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES COULD BE DETERMINED DURING NEGOTIATIONS TO BE INITIATED AND THAT THE PROBLEM OF TERRITORY WAS ONLY ONE OF THE ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM.

"DURING THE ANKARA TALKS THE ATTITUDE OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS TOWARD TURKEY WAS ALSO DISCUSSED.

"AS YOU WILL SEE, THE RUMORS OF SEEKING A NATO FORMULA FOR CYPRUS IN THE ANKARA TALKS ARE ABSOLUTELY GROUNDLESS."

2. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION, BARUTCU COMMENTED THAT SINCE TURKEY SUPPORTED CYPRUS' INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND NON-ALIGNMENT, USSR SHOULD IN GENERAL BE SATISFIED WITH TURKEY'S POSITION. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY, FROM TURKEY'S VIEWPOINT, THAT SOVIETS' MISTAKEN IMPRESSIONS NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAND.
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